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RE: Tentative Order No. R9-2007-0002 NPDES, No. CAS0108740

I am a resident of Laguna Beach and live a couple of blocks from Aliso Creek and State Park. I am writing to you to add my voice in support of the Board's efforts to force the cities, that are contributing to the pollution of Aliso creek and cause its toxic soup to flow into our Oceans, to clean up their acts.

I understand there have been many half hearted efforts to reduce this toxic discharge. These efforts have been, apparently, more cosmetic than real as the flow of polluted runoff during dry weather is continuing to increase.

There are many ways that a city can prevent the discharge of polluted water into our watercourses and then into the ocean. It is time that your Board took real, forceful action to insist that the polluting cities take appropriate action.

The Board has a clear path:

- * Insist Cities divert polluted runoff to inland SOCWA facilities for treatment and reuse as reclaimed water.
- * Force capture of MS4 discharges for filtration and local beneficial reuse.
- * Levy substantial fines against offending subwatershed, cities, homeowner associations, golf courses and others with elevated dry season discharge rates and against offending inland water districts for failing to control urban runoff.

Please know that you have many residents behind you in this effort. You have the regulatory as well as the moral authority to make a difference.

Building the SUPER project, as proposed by Orange County is a red herring. It is just another band aid that will do nothing to control and reduce polluted runoff into our watercourses. The SUPER Project is now seen as an effort to divert the Waterboard's attention away from the real culprit in this pollution. We hope you will not fall for these stall tactics.

Thanks!

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